

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2007**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee was Convened at 9:56 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in Committee Room #2.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Clair Muller, Chair
The Honorable Lamar Willis
The Honorable Felicia Moore
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair**

The Following Committee Members were Absent

**The Honorable C. T. Martin
The Honorable Kwanza Hall**

Others in attendance were Ben DeCosta, Aviation General Manager; Mario Diaz, Aviation Deputy General Manager; Girard Geeter, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer-Aviation; Richard McCrillis, General Manager/CEO-MARTA; Marvin Toliver, Government Affairs Manager-MARTA; Luz Borrero, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Anita Williams, Executive Management Analyst-Aviation; Nikki P. Turner, Legislative Counsel-Law Department; Theresa Stewart, Legislative Counsel-Law Department; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Nursef Kedir, Public Works; Members of the Press and Council Staff.

The Agenda was Adopted without objection and the Minutes for the Transportation Meeting held on March 14, 2007 were approved without objection.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. MARTA 12th Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract And Assistance Agreement 07-R-0606

Councilmember Muller gave a brief history of the discussion of the 12th Amendment between MARTA, the City of Atlanta, Fulton County and Dekalb County. She informed the guests and audience that a request from several Councilmembers to the President of Council was made to call a Special Called Council Meeting following this Committee meeting, to take up Resolution 07-R-0606, the legislation written to approve the 12th Amendment. During a lengthy discussion, the Committee and MARTA's General Manager/CEO Richard McCrillis and other MARTA representatives, addressed several major concerns.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D)

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MARTA also responded to additional concerns with several memos, all of which are on file with these minutes. Councilmember Muller also informed the Committee that she had received a letter from the Atlanta Regional Commission concerning Transportation Funding. A copy of this letter is also on file with these minutes.

C. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

- 07-O-0563 (1) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Boulder Park Drive and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

D. RESOLUTIONS

- 07-R-0597 (1) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement with Compagnie Nationale Air France covering approximately 1,532 square feet of space at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, provided that any expansion of the leased premises does not exceed 2,000 additional square feet, on behalf of the Department of Aviation; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 07-R-0598 (2) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to increase compensation for an On Call Contract with the Hartsfield Transportation Group by an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for work authorization No. 4, Taxiway "L" Extension Phase 3B Design paid from Fund 2H21 (Renewal and Extension), Account 524001 (Consultants Professional Services), and Center Number R21E10209999 (Capital Design & Management/Design); and for other purposes.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to hold this legislation at the request of the Department of Aviation.

HELD (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

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D. RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

- 07-R-0601 (3) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to consent to the Assignment by Diplomat Construction, Inc. to Red Roof Inns, Inc. of a Restated Consolidated Lease Agreement covering approximately 5.324 acres of land near the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 07-R-0604 (4) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute a Severance Benefits Incentive Agreement with Benjamin R. DeCosta, Aviation General Manager until June 30, 2010; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Muller made a motion to hold this legislation to allow for a worksession. The motion was approved. After brief comments from Councilmembers Moore and Willis, Councilmember Willis made a motion to reconsider the vote to hold. Councilmember Moore then made a motion to approve.

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 07-R-0605 (5) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to consent to the Assignment of FC-6005007972, Noise and Operations Monitoring System Service and Maintenance at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport from BAE Systems to ERA Corporation; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 07-R-0606 (6) A Resolution by Councilmember Clair Muller to approve a proposed Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement dated September 1, 1971 between the City of Atlanta, Fulton and Dekalb Counties and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority so as to effect certain changes in the system as described in the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement; to approve a written amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement incorporating therein the action hereby taken and to authorize the Mayor to execute such Amendment; to specify the effective date for this resolution; to rescind conflicting resolutions; and for other purposes.

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D. RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

*Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve.
Councilmember Moore voted nay.*

FAVORABLE (3 YEAS) (1 NAY)

- 07-R-0619 (7) A Resolution by Councilmember Carla Smith authorizing the Mayor or her designee to issue a Notice to Proceed with Metcalf and Eddy/Cardoza Engineers, a Joint Venture for FC-7619-03E, Annual Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services, for an Asset Management Program Study for the submission of an application for the FHWA Grant, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, in an amount not to exceed \$29,500.00; all contracted work shall charged to and paid from the following Fund, Account and Center Number: 3P02 574001 M22F03349999; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Muller made a motion to hold this legislation at the request of the Department of Public Works.

HELD (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

E. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 06-O-0186 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember Natalyn M. Archibong **as amended by Transportation Committee** authorizing the Mayor or her designee to make Harold Avenue, NE a Three-Way Stop where it intersects with Muriel Avenue, NE; and for other purposes. **(Amended and held 1/11/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study and discussion with author.)**
- 06-O-0189 (2) An Ordinance by Councilmember Natalyn M. Archibong **as amended by Transportation Committee** authorizing the Mayor or her designee to make the intersection of Indiana Avenue, NE and Connecticut Avenue, NE an All-Way Stop; and for other purposes. **(Amended and held 1/11/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study and discussion with author.)**

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E. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 06-O-0489 (3) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to study vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Metropolitan Parkway to determine the placement of additional traffic calming signage warning of the School Zone for Capitol View Elementary School; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0490 (4) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Springdale Road, SW from Perkerson Drive, SW to Cleveland Avenue, SW; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0491 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Oak Drive, SE from Empire Boulevard, SE to Brownsmill Road, SE; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0492 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Bromack Road, SE from Macon Drive, SE to Brownsmill Road, SE; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-R-1572 (7) A Resolution by Councilmember Kwanza Hall requesting that the Mayor or her designee remove those Parking meters on Auburn Avenue from Courtland Street to Jackson Street; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/12/06 for additional discussion and consideration by Committee and presentation on the City Parking Meter Program by Public Works.)**
- 06-O-2246 (8) An Ordinance by Councilmember Kwanza Hall authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install Traffic Calming Measures to reduce speed on North Avenue, from Freedom Parkway to Moreland Avenue; and for other purposes. **(Held 10/11/06 at the request of Councilmember Hall so that the Department of Public Works can meet with the neighborhood.)**

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Larry Stokes, Research & Policy Analyst


The Honorable Clair Muller, Chair
Transportation Committee